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Chapter 21
HAA...
EVEN THOUGH ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS ARE IN FULL BLOOM AROUND ME,
IT'S AS IF MY HEART IS A GLOOMY, OVERCAST...
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ALL COUNTRIES WITH SLAVES ARE TRAGIC.

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WHY WEREN'T THERE ANY SLAVES IN YOUR VILLAGE, NICOLA?
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THAT'S A WEIRD QUESTION.
JUST HANDLE YOUR OWN AFFAIRS BY YOURSELF,
AND IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, THEN ASK FOR HELP.

THERE'S NO NEED TO CONTROL SOMEONE, RIGHT?
AH,
BUT THOSE GUYS AREN'T LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
WHAT GUYS?
THAT'S SO STRANGE
WHEN IT WAS THE NORM FOR THERE TO BE SLAVES IN MORRIGAN.
YOU CAN RUN SO THE SLAVERS DON'T CATCH YOU,
BUT I NEVER IMAGINED THAT YOU COULD GET RID OF THEM.
YOU KNOW, THOSE GUYS THAT WERE MAKING A RUCKUS IN TOWN AND TALKING ABOUT LIBERATING THE MEN.
AHH...
THOSE MORALLTACH? SOMETHING OR OTHER GUYS...

NOW THAT THEY'VE DRIVEN OUT THE QUEEN,
THE MEN MIGHT BE PLANNING TO CONTROL THE WOMEN NEXT.
THERE WAS A WHIRLWIND OF TERRIBLE HATRED, AFTER ALL.
THERE WON'T BE ANY CLEAN WATER FLOWING OUT OF THAT.
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DON'T SAY SOMETHING THAT'LL MAKE HER WORRY, NICOLA.
WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING YET.
I'M SURE EVERYTHING'S FINE,
PRINCESS.
THEO, THERE'S NO POINT IN CHEERING HER UP WITHOUT ANY PROOF.
BUT...
...NICOLA'S RIGHT.
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I HAVE TO KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON IN MORRIGAN.
OLIVIER'S MOTIVES
AND SO MUCH ELSE
ARE UNKNOWN TO ME.
...YEAH,
EVEN MY OWN FEELINGS ARE...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
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IS THIS A DREAM!? AN ILLUSION!?
THE GODDESS OF LOVE HASN'T ABANDONED ME!
!?
NO MATTER WHAT YOU MAY LOOK LIKE, I ONLY SEE YOUR TRUE SELF!
WHO ARE YOU!? LET ME GO...!
The wig's gonna slip...
YOU'RE A LOVELY IMAGE OF BEAUTY, MY DEAREST ALEXIA.
HOW I'VE MISSED YOU...!
THIS GREASY AURA!

REIN-
POLD
...!?
IT'S BEEN SO LONG, MY BELOVED.
Every single one of these guys!!
...WHAT'S THIS?

SINCE I LAST SAW YOU, YOU'VE GOTTEN QUITE A BIT...
MORE ROBUST?
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HUH?
...COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAD BEEN WORKING ALONGSIDE THE OTHERS ON THE PIRATE SHIP,
SO I FORGOT TO BE MINDFUL OF THAT.
If you just grow a little softer
...HAVE MY FINGERS GOTTEN THICKER, TOO?
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STOP BEING SO CLINGY ALREADY.
JUST WHO ARE YOU?

FORGIVE ME FOR NOT INTRODUCING MYSELF SOONER.
I AM THE ELDEST SON OF THE NOBLE REINPOLD FAMILY IN THE SOUTHERN LAND OF VENUS.
MY NAME IS IGNACIO.
I'M THE PRIME FIANCE CANDIDATE FOR MY DEAREST ALEXIA,
AND A FIRST-RATE LOVER EVEN FATE ENVIES, SO TO SPEAK.
Eh heh.
YOU'RE THE SAME AS ALWAYS...
You have poor taste in men, Princess.
BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT YOU GOT OUT OF THAT CARNAGE.
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DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN MORRIGAN, SEIGNEUR REINPOLD?
YEAH... MORE OR LESS,
ALTHOUGH IT'S JUST HEARSAY.
THEN PLEASE TELL ME!
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MORRIGAN RIGHT NOW...!?
IS EVERYONE...!
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AM I GOING TO SAY THAT NEXT WORD STANDING HERE NOW?

JUST ASKING... IF THEY'RE OKAY.
I'M BEGGING YOU!
HEAR US OUT!

WE WEREN'T MEETING HERE TO HURT ANYONE!
WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER WITHOUT FIGHTING!
THAT'S ENOUGH, ELIDA! JUST BE QUIET!
LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER...!!
SHUT UP!
WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO GO OUTSIDE!?
STOP THIS!
WHAT'S SO FUN ABOUT CURSING AND SCORNING US!?
WOMEN SHOULD JUST SHUT UP, SPREAD THEIR LEGS AND WAIT!

I UNDER-STAND...
THAT WE WOMEN HAD GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO TORMENTING ALL OF YOU THIS WHOLE TIME,
AND THE FACT IS THAT WE HAVE TO REPENT,
BUT EVEN SO...
YOU WANT US TO FORGIVE WOMEN!?
AFTER ALL THIS TIME OF BEING OPPRESSED !!?
ENOUGH! DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD!
THEY'RE STILL JUST KIDS.
HOW MUCH BLOOD WILL HAVE TO BE SPILLED FOR YOU TO FORGIVE US?
WOULD IT STILL NOT BE ENOUGH EVEN AFTER THE BLOOD OF EVERY WOMAN HAS DRIED UP?

SHUT THE HELL UP!
IF YOU SURRENDER QUIETLY, WE'LL AT LEAST SPARE YOUR LIFE!
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WE DON'T MIND
AS LONG AS OUR PLEAS WILL REACH YOU EVEN A LITTLE BIT WITH THAT.
DON'T, ELIDA !!
STOP!
WE'LL GIVE IT TO YOU,

SO
TAKE IT.

LET'S DISPOSE OF THIS.
WANT US TO PUT THEIR HEADS ON DISPLAY?
THE GIRLS COMMITTED MASS SUICIDE
SO THAT WOULD JUST PROVOKE MORE HOSTILITY.
LET'S DEAL WITH THIS QUIETLY.
NOOOOOOOOO!!!

I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
HOW ARE WE A SECURITY FORCE!?
WE'RE JUST UNDER-LINGS ON PATROL!
WHAT'S COLONEL ROLAND DOING!?
WHEN'S HE GONNA HONOR HIS PROMISE TO PROMOTE US TO TAKE COMMAND!?
HA! THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL HONOR THAT.
?
I'M PRETTY SURE THIS IS...

TRUE ENOUGH,
THAT YOU'RE JUST BEING USED.
THE ONLY GUYS AT THE HEART OF THE GOVERNMENT NOW ARE FROM MEVIN.
ALL OF YOU SHOULD HAVE REALIZED BY NOW
HOW PITIFUL YOU'VE BECOME JUST FROM BEING A WOMAN.
AND NOW YOU'VE JUST BEEN REDUCED TO A SLAVE TO BE USED FOR GIVING BIRTH, DANDRY.
BUT YOU'VE FALLEN FROM YOUR STATUS AS A GENERAL,
SO BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF OUR WILL.
THOSE GUYS ARE DOING LITTLE MORE THAN KILLING AT WILL,
THE SAME GOES FOR YOU GUYS.

...SO YOU'RE STANISLAV. WHAT A WASTE OF SUCH A GOOD NAME YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN.
I'VE NEVER LOOKED UP WHERE MY NAME COMES FROM.
STAN-ISLAV!
WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO THE SLAVE!?
Ha!
YOU DON'T KNOW?
IT MEANS
"BE HONORABLE".

OLIVIER?
AHH, THAT ONE FAMOUS SINGER WHO'S REALLY GOOD-LOOKING?
RUMOR HAS IT THAT HE SINGS LIKE AN ANGEL.
HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?
IT'S A SHAME THAT HE CAN'T PERFORM AS A MAN.
BUT HE'S SUCH A CUTIE! ♥
YEAH, RIGHT!
HE'S A ROYAL SINGER!
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THAT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS YOU WORKED AT THE PALACE.
WE'VE ONLY HEARD RUMORS OR SEEN PICTURES OF HIM.

...BUT STILL,
THERE'S HARDLY ANY INFORMATION HERE...
AHHH, I MISS LITTLE GIRLS...
Ah ha ha!
THROB THROB
I'LL GO SOMEWHERE ELSE...
I'VE SEEN HIM.
BEFORE HE GOT PICKED UP,
HE WAS ALLEGEDLY THE SON OF A NOBLE FAMILY FROM SOMEWHERE,
AND HE WOULD SING WHILE SELLING HIS BODY BEHIND THE SALON.
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HUH?
Are you kidding me?
YOU BET IT IS.
OH, COME NOW. YOU'RE JUST DRUNK, SIR.
IS THAT TRUE?
HE'S GOT THAT PRETTY FACE, HE SINGS,
AND HE'S EVEN BEEN CASTRATED, RIGHT?
I DOUBT THERE ARE THAT MANY OTHER GUYS WHO FIT THAT BILL.
...COULD YOU
TELL ME MORE ABOUT HIM?